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Dear Jim:

To yours of the 11th.

Yanofsky and Zinder are both very accomplished research people, and Carnegie could be pleased and proud to have either of them on the staff. But I think they are the last people I would have thought seriously of for a directorial position; they have enough sense that, in all likelihood, they would be even less likely than Hershey to accept that job. I really believe it would be a great mistake, all things considered, to try to tempt either of them into it. If one were absolutely compelled to choose between them, I would probably give Yanofsky a slight edge, though I do think you're wasting your time on this.

My own list (after one more glance through the Directory of the Genetics Society) would include:

Crow      Puck      Owen      Levinthal      Ryan      Horowitz

Each of these names has its pro's and con's. To my own mind, Crow really does stand out here, but each of these people would bring his own special qualities and could do a first rate job for you.

Yours sincerely,



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